

**Amendment to the Claims**

**1. (currently amended)** A method of using a portable dressing blind, comprising the steps of;

- a) providing a tube of flexible material with first and second open ends;
- b) providing a sheath around at least part of the first end of the tube;
- c) providing a flap of flexible material on part of the second end of the tube;
- d) providing a plurality of rods including a first and last rod;
- e) inserting the rods in the sheath such that the first and last rods are on opposite sides of the opening of the first end of the tube;
- f) a person standing on the flap and manually gripping the sheath to hold the first and last rods up, apart, and approximately parallel, thus holding the tube of flexible material in a vertical orientation with the first end of the tube at the top and the second end held down by the flap.

**2. (currently amended)** A method of using a portable dressing blind, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing an enclosure of flexible material having first, second, third, and fourth generally vertical sides, each side having a top edge and bottom edge, the top edges defining a top of the enclosure, the bottom edges defining a bottom of the enclosure;
- b) providing a continuous sleeve sheath along the top edges of the first, second, and third sides, the sleeve sheath having first and second ends, at least one of said ends having an opening, the fourth side of the enclosure having a flap extending at least 6 inches from the bottom edge;
- c) providing a first generally rigid rod having approximately the length of the first top edge and inserted in the ~~sleeve of~~ sheath along the first top edge;
- d) providing a second generally rigid rod having approximately the length of the second top edge and inserted in the ~~sleeve of~~ sheath along the second top edge; and
- e) providing a third generally rigid rod having approximately the length of the third top edge and inserted in the ~~sleeve of~~ sheath along the third top edge;

and

f) a person standing on the flap; manually gripping the sheath; and holding the first and third rods up, apart, and approximately parallel, thus holding the enclosure of flexible material in a vertical orientation with the bottom of the enclosure held down by the flap.

**3. (cancelled)**

**4. (currently amended)** The ~~dressing blind~~ method of claim 2 wherein said opening in at least one end of the sleeve sheath is vertically elongated, and comprises an upper closed part and a lower entry part.

**5. (currently amended)** A method of using a portable dressing blind comprising the steps of:

a) providing an enclosure of fabric with first, second, third, and fourth vertical sides, each side having a width, a top edge, and a bottom edge;

b) providing a continuous sheath sewn around the top edges of the first, second, and third sides;

c) providing first, second, and third rods inserted into the sheath end-to-end, each rod extending across approximately the width of the respective first, second, and third sides;

d) providing a flap of fabric extending at least 6 inches from the bottom edge of the fourth side; and

e) providing no vertical support pole; and

~~whereby a person can stand on the flap and lift the top edges of the enclosure by manually gripping the sheath on the first and third rods.~~

f) a person standing on the flap; manually gripping the sheath; and holding the first and third rods up, apart, and approximately parallel, thus holding the enclosure of flexible material in a vertical orientation with the bottom of the enclosure held down by the flap.

**6. (cancelled)**